

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
concerning

**TIME SCHEDULE ORDER  
REQUIRING THE SACRAMENTO AREA SEWER DISTRICT  
WALNUT GROVE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT  
TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN  
ORDER NO. R5-2003-0084 AS AMENDED  
(NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0078794)  
SACRAMENTO COUNTY**

The Sacramento Area Sewer District (formerly Sacramento County Sanitation District No. 1) (hereafter Discharger) owns and operates a wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal system, and provides sewerage service to the community of Walnut Grove. On 6 June 2003, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2003-0084, (NPDES No. CA0078794) that prescribes Waste Discharge Requirements for the Walnut Grove Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility). The Facility, during the winter months, discharges disinfected secondary effluent into Snodgrass Slough, which is tributary to the Sacramento River and is located within the legal boundaries of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta.

The Discharger completed an Engineering Feasibility Study to evaluate project alternatives for complying with Order R5-2003-0084. The Feasibility Report concluded that the preferred project alternative was to cease the surface water discharge and construct a pipeline to convey untreated wastewater from the Facility to the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (SRWTP). Due to various complexities associated with the design and construction of the pipeline project, the Discharger requested additional modifications to the provisions and monitoring requirements. On 26 October 2007, the Regional Water Board adopted Resolution No. R5-2007-0144, amending Order No. R5-2003-0084 to prevent the Discharger from incurring unnecessary costs for a facility that will be abandoned.

On 15 August 2008, the Discharger informed Regional Water Board staff that the pipeline alignment encountered an unanticipated and unexpected impediment that was beyond the control of the Discharger. The impediment would affect completion of the pipeline and would require the Discharger to reevaluate the pipeline alignment. Due to the delay, the Discharger may need to discharge to Snodgrass Slough in violation of Order No. R5-2003-0084 as amended. The proposed Time Schedule Order provides a time schedule for the Discharger to develop, submit, and implement methods of compliance, including construction of necessary conveyance facilities to cease discharge to surface waters.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Water Board meeting which is scheduled for:

DATE: 23/24 October 2008  
TIME: 8:30 am  
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
11020 Sun Center Drive #200  
Rancho Cordova, California 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Sacramento Area Sewer District Staff

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Board no later than **16 October 2008**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

The tentative Time Schedule Order to comply with requirements prescribed in Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2003-0084 was issued on 29 August 2008. Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than by 5:00 pm on **29 September 2008**. Written evidence or comments submitted after 5:00 pm on **29 September 2008** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party. All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions on the proposed amendment should contact Mr. James Marshall at 916-464-4772. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Water Board's Internet website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders). Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_laws/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/). Information on meeting and hearing

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The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Kenneth D Landau, Assistant Executive Officer

**29 August 2008**